



State of Arizona  
**Department of Education**

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** School Health & Nutrition Program Sponsors

**From:** Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent  
Arizona Department of Education, Health & Nutrition Unit  
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**Date:** June 22, 2005

**RE:** Kraft American Cheese Singles

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**Kraft American Cheese Singles can no longer be credited as part of a reimbursable meal.**

Recently Kraft American Cheese Singles changed their name from "Pasteurized Process Cheese Food" to "Pasteurized Prepared Cheese Product" in order to be in government compliance. The USDA Food Buying Guide (pg. 1-24, 1-25) says that any item with the phrase "cheese product" is a non-credible food for component-based menu planning.

**LEAs AFFECTED**

All LEAs who utilize a component-based meal pattern which includes:

- a) Traditional Meal Pattern
- b) Food Based/Enhanced Meal Pattern

**RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LEA**

- 1) Look at menus to see if Kraft American Cheese Singles are used to meet a component-based meal pattern.
- 2) If you are using Kraft American Cheese Singles, make the necessary revisions in your menu to ensure a reimbursable meal.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this memo, please contact your assigned School Health & Nutrition Program Specialist.

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